

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A method for cannulation, comprising the steps of:
inserting a distal end of a cannula into an aorta;
inserting a filter through a lumen of the cannula and past the distal end of the cannula;
deploying the filter; and
expanding an occluder associated with the distal end of the cannula.

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of making an incision in the patient.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the occluder is a balloon occluder.

25. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the occluder is a cardioplegia occluder.

26. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the occluder comprises a catheter having an expandable occluder device mounted on a distal end of the catheter.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the occluder further comprises a lumen communicating with a cardioplegia port distal to the occlusion device.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for cannulation, comprising the steps of: inserting a distal end of a cannula into cardiac tissue; inserting a filter through a lumen of the cannula and past the distal end of the cannula; deploying the filter; and expanding an occluder associated with the distal end of the cannula.